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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

ART UNIT: 1648

BLAIR ET AL.

EXAMINER: Hill, Myron G.

APPLICATION NO: 09/876,680

FILED: JUNE 7, 2001

FOR: HIV-1 REPORTER VIRUSES AND THEIR USE IN ASSAYING ANTI-

VIRAL COMPOUNDS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated November 28, 2003 finally rejecting claims 1-23.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$330 for payment of the appeal fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

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Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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